

Assembly Bill No. 242

CHAPTER 715

An act to add Section 50802.1 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to homeless shelters, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 242, Honda. Emergency homeless shelters.

Under existing law, the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program, the Department of Housing and Community Development is authorized to make grants from the continuously appropriated Emergency Housing and Assistance Fund to local governments and nonprofit organizations to provide emergency or temporary housing for the homeless, as specified.

This bill would appropriate \$1,062,360 from the General Fund to the State Controller for allocation and disbursement to the fund. The bill would require \$810,000 of this sum to be made available to certain counties in specified allotments during the 1997–98 and 1998–99 fiscal years. The bill would provide that a designated local board or a county shall be eligible for its allotment by submitting an application containing specified information to the department.

This bill would become operative only if SB 255 and AB 67 are enacted and become operative.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Appropriation: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 50802.1 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

50802.1. (a) The sum of eight hundred ten thousand dollars (\$810,000) from the Emergency Housing and Assistance Fund shall be made available to the following counties in the following allotments during the 1997–98 and 1998–99 fiscal years:

(1) For the Counties of Imperial, Merced, San Mateo, Shasta, Sonoma, and Ventura, the department shall allocate thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to each county.

(2) For the Counties of Orange, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz, the department shall allocate sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to each county.

(3) For the County of Santa Clara, the department shall allocate ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000).

(4) For the County of Los Angeles, the department shall allocate two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$240,000).

(b) A designated local board or a county shall be eligible for its specified allotment by submitting to the department a one page application requesting the funding. The application shall briefly state how the county's proposed use of the funds is consistent with Section 50803 and shall designate the grant recipient or recipients for the funds.

(c) The department shall disburse the specified allotments to the grant recipient or recipients no later than 30 days after receipt of the application, if the department determines that the application is consistent with subdivision (b).

(d) The department shall allocate these additional Emergency Housing and Assistance Program funds above the base year amount consistent with Section 50802, except that no county that received a specified allotment under subdivision (a) shall be eligible for any additional Emergency Housing and Assistance Program funds.

(e) The department's administrative costs shall not exceed the amount provided for in subdivision (d) of Section 50802.

SEC. 2. The sum of one million sixty-two thousand, three hundred sixty dollars (\$1,062,360) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the State Controller for allocation and disbursement to the Emergency Housing and Assistance Fund to be spent for programs authorized by Chapter 11.5 (commencing with Section 50800) of Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code, and the Department of Housing and Community Development shall disburse the funds pursuant to Section 50802.1.

SEC. 3. This act shall become operative only if Senate Bill 255 and Assembly Bill 67 of the 1997–98 Regular Session are enacted and become operative. This act shall be operative on the date that either Senate Bill 255 or Assembly Bill 67 becomes operative, whichever occurs last, or the date that this act becomes effective, if that date is last.

SEC. 4. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to provide adequate shelter for the homeless, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

